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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hideaki YOSHIDA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2612**

Serial Number: **09/551,143**

Examiner: **Kelly L. Jerabek**

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For: **COLOR IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND COLOR IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket No.: **000489**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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February 3, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 12, 2005.

In the Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application.

First Species: Figures 2, 3;

Second Species: Figures 2, 4;

Third Species: Figures 2, 5, 6; and

Fourth Species: Figures 2, 7.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of the Third Species, Figs. 2, 5 and 6 directed to claims 1-7, 21-27 and 33-34, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' right to the filing of a

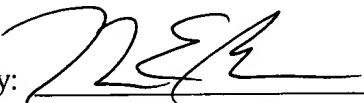
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divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120
and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate
extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with
respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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